used/rejected refractory materials from Blast Furnace Slag Dump awarded by Bokaro Steel Plant to M/s. Shree Durga Coke Pvt. Ltd. (Contractor) on 2-9-1987, having been recommended for foreclosure by the management, became disputable on the contractor not accepting it as such. The dispute has been referred to a sole arbitrator for adjudication. The contractor has moved the Calcutta High Court and the matter is presently subjudice. Further action will be taken in the best interest of the plant keeping in view the award of the Arbitrator and the orders of the Calcutta High Court.

Affairs of marketing department of Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers

3139. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in the marketing department of Rashtriya Chemicals and Sertilizers Liimited, some private dealers have been favoured by senior officers of the company;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the guilty officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) The Central Bureau of Investigation has registered 2 cases—one in 1986 and the other in 1988—against the officials of Marketing Division of Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited, alleging misappropriation and misuse of official position in granting dealership etc.

(c) In one case, the matter is still under investigation of CBI and in the other case follow-up action is being taken on the recommendation made by CBI.

Demand for running AIR and Doordarshan on B.B.C. Pattern

3140. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand pending since long for functioning of Doordarshan and All India Radio on BBC pattern to avoid its misuse; and

(b) whether Government propose to introduce the pattern of BBC for Doordarshan and A.I.R.?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) There have been frequent demands in the past for converting All India Radio and Doordarshan into a Corporation. Government is of the view that the media are meant to serve the people and for such a purpose, it is not necessary that they should be set up as statutory bodies/corporations. Both All India Radio and Doordarshan already enjoy complete functional autonomy in all professional aspects.

Telecast regarding Levy on Petrol

3141. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 'Samachar' and 'The News' teleacst on the 17th July, 1988 Doordarshan had flashed a news that a levy has been imposed on diesel and petrol giving an impression of impending hike in their prices;

(b) if so, details of the increase contemplated; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for such a broadcast?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROAD